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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

ONE MAN'S CARELESSNESS SENDS TWELVE TO DEATH

Explosion of Giant Blast of Dynamite on Key West Extension Plays Awful Havoc.

KEW WEST, Fla., Aug. 28.—As a result of the explosion at noon yesterday of 700 pounds of dynamite at Boca Chica, twelve miles from Key West, on the Florida East Coast railway, twelve men are dead, five probably fatally injured and at least a dozen others are less seriously hurt.

The explosion was caused by a member of the railroad construction force carelessly throwing a lighted cigarette into a box of fuses.

Most of the workmen met instant death. The men were hurled high into the air and the bodies of the dead were almost beyond recognition, arms and legs being torn from the bodies of some while the faces of others were unrecognizable masses of flesh.

Standing Over Death.

When the explosion occurred the workmen were standing in water four feet deep and directly beneath them was the 700 pounds of dynamite ready for the blast, when the men should stop work for dinner.

According to one of the workmen, a workman—one of the nine to meet instant death—threw a lighted cigarette to one side, not noticing that it fell into the box containing the fuses which were connected with the heavy charges of explosives below them. A few seconds later the men, water, mud and tons of dirt were thrown 70 to 90 feet in the air.

Tugs at once brought the dead and the more seriously wounded to this

city, the latter being placed in the Louise Maloney Hospital.

Those less seriously injured were placed on Stock Island, opposite Boca Chica, and will be brought to Key West later.

List of the Dead.

Most of the victims of the explosion arrived here from New York last Sunday.

The dead are: J. Kelley, G. Surkey, J. Brennan, T. Convery, J. Gallagher, T. Linnehan, J. Garrity, T. Travis, J. Hohor, T. Doran; two unidentified.

Probably fatally injured are: James Gallagher, aged 40, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Timothy McDonald, aged 54, Black-sack, Cork, Ireland; E. Hannon, assistant foreman, aged 33, 140 Grand street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James McMahon, aged 45, 54 Fulton street, New York; James Sands, New York City.

Late yesterday afternoon six additional of the more seriously injured were brought to the hospital here. Their injuries are not considered fatal. They are: Pat Sullivan, Greenstick, John Mullin, Patrick Giff, Peter Bryan and Meekly Foley.

Fifty men were at work, all close together, when the box of fuses was discovered ablaze, and had it not been for the sounding of the alarm by the dredge Manteo it is doubtful if a third of the men would have escaped with their lives.

There is some contention as to the cause of the explosion. An inquest will be held.

SEA ISLAND COTTON.

The Florida Crop Accounts Continue to Be Unfavorable.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 28.—The market for Sea Islands was very dull with the small demand confined to the high grades. Quotations remain unchanged, but are mostly nominal, the market for the new season not having been as yet established.

From Florida crop accounts are less favorable again. Complaints of deterioration as a result of the excessive rains are very general, and many reports say the prospect has been cut well below last year. The few new bales being received are mostly green, damp and badly gin-cut, thus confirming the reports of weather damage. From Georgia accounts are better, although more or less spotted, some central southern counties reporting deterioration. Sales for the week 105 bales.

The following prices were based on factors' quotations and are revised weekly on Fridays:

Fancy Floridas22	@22½
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Extra choice Floridas20	@21
Extra choice Georgias20	@21
Choice Ga's. and Fla's18	@19
Ex. fine Ga's. and Fla's15	@16
Fine Ga's. and Fla's13	@14
Com. Ga's. and Fla's11	@12

SAVED FROM SUICIDE.

MACON, Aug. 28.—As he swung himself from Spring street bridge across the Ocmulgee river last night, Fernando Deal of 313 Telfair street, was saved from a watery grave by Bicycle Officer Rodgers, who sighted the man as he prepared to make the plunge with the intention of suicide.

Deal had penned a pathetic note to his wife in which he declared that death was to be chosen rather than a life of inability to support her and their children as he would like.

INJURED BY A TOY CANNON.

TAMPA, Aug. 28.—James Schell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Schell, was badly injured Thursday while playing with a toy cannon found near his parents' home on East Park avenue. The boy, who is only six years old, was overhauling the little gun, when it was discharged, badly burning the front of his left leg near the ankle, inflicting a wound which necessitated the calling in of a physician.

ATLANTA GOES BROKE.

ATLANTA, Aug. 28.—Atlanta's treasury is in about the same fix as that of the State, or worse. The city went broke yesterday, with no funds in sight, and will have to exercise its borrowing privilege to tide over. The city today will borrow \$100,000 until it can collect some taxes to enable it to pay the firemen, policemen and other employees. Atlanta pays 4 per cent interest on her loans.

BOY KILLS HIS BABY SISTER.

BRISTOL, Va., Aug. 28.—A special from Russell county, Virginia, says that the three-year-old daughter of J. M. Price, a well-known citizen of that county, is dead as a result of having been shot through the heart by her brother, aged 5.

The child ran across a pistol, and pulling the trigger, the ball struck his sister, producing almost instant death.

Mr. Fennell Returns.

From Sunday's Daily Sun:

The many friends of L. W. Fennell will be pleased to learn that he has sufficiently recovered to return to his home at Hawthorn after an absence of a few weeks at Valdosta, Ga., where he went for treatment. He states that Senator Baker of Clay county is there, having undergone two operations, and is steadily improving under the care of Dr. Holmes. Mr. Fennell is greatly improved and hopes soon to be able to get around and see his friends.

CONVICT KILLS PURSUER BUT IS SHOT TO DEATH

Armed With Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol, Escaped Negro Fights Desperate Battle for Liberty.

SOPERTON, Ga., Aug. 28.—Two negroes lynched and a posse in pursuit of the wife of one of the victims; the killing of a prominent planter, a member of the posse; the probable fatal injury of the sheriff of Montgomery county and the wounding of four other members of the posse, summarizes the result of one of the most exciting man hunts this section has ever known.

Ben Clark, an escaped convict from the Bibb county chain gang, was shot to death after a fierce battle early yesterday and his body burned. The negro threatened to kill Nicholas Adams, a merchant of Kibbee, "and a hundred others."

John Sweeney, who harbored the ex-convict, was taken from a passenger train a mile from Tarrytown and lynched.

The posse then set out in search of Sweeney's wife, who it is said, was in the neighborhood. Intense excitement prevails throughout this section.

James Durden, a prominent planter and member of the posse which captured Clark, was shot and instantly killed. The other members of the posse who were shot by Clark were:

Sheriff James Lester, Walter Simm and three others unknown. The sheriff received an ugly wound in breast.

The posse found Clark in Sweeney's house. Sweeney's wife was at home but Sweeney was absent. The posse called on Clark to surrender. For a while he received a 44-caliber bullet fired from a rapid fire gun. Durden was shot and other members of the posse fell before the torrent of fire dealt by the negro. He continued fire until his ammunition was exhausted. He was then overpowered and his body riddled with bullets. He was a steel breastplate that turned Winchester bullets. A pile of logs covered with crude turpentine and body cremated, and in the excitement the woman escaped. The events of the day fired the intense spirit of the posse and it is expected that she will not escape the search that is being instituted.

Sweeney was caught near here. He was carried aboard a northbound train to a secluded wood near Tarrytown where his body was riddled with bullets after being swung up to a gallows.

Five Lose Lives When Steamer Goes to Bottom

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 28.—Five lives were lost in the sinking of the Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Ohio off Steep Point, Alaska, early yesterday. There were 128 passengers on board, but all these escaped, the victims being employees. The loss of the steamer and the cargo is total.

The drowned are: Purser F. J. Stephen of Seattle, Wireless Operator George E. Eccles of Winnipeg, two seamen and the quartermaster; the names are not given.

The wireless dispatch says the Ohio sank in three minutes. This probably means she was on a reef a considerable time, and that the passengers were all off before the ship

into the deep water, which she did so speedily as to carry down five of the crew.

Some of the passengers were taken ashore in lifeboats and taken by the fishing boat King Fisher to Swains bay. Others were taken on the Humboldt, and the Rupert City. The Humboldt's rescued passengers will be landed at Ketchikan, while the Rupert City is taking her passengers to Vancouver.

The Ohio was insured for \$220,000. Capt John Johnson, her navigator, was regarded as one of the most skillful on the Pacific Coast.

Four Hundred Joneses in Reunion at Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 28.—The fifth annual reunion of the Jones family was held yesterday in Grant's Park. There was no ceremony but they all assembled early in the morning and had a good time and at 1 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was spread. There were about 400 members present and four States, Ohio, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, were represented. There were four generations present, the oldest being J. J. Jones of Atlanta, aged 79, and the youngest was Miss Nannie Horace Jones of Montgomery, Ala., aged one.

The next reunion will probably be held at Jones' Chapel, Forrest Park.

Wife Used an Umbrella On Another Woman's Head

ATHENS, Ga., Aug. 28.—Yesterday afternoon Mayor Dorsey dismissed the case against Mrs. Sallie Hamilton, who was charged with having beaten Mrs. Alice Dale over the head with an umbrella.

Mrs. Hamilton struck Mrs. Dale

when she found her in the office of the former's husband, Dr. W. T. Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton, who was served with notice to appear as a witness and failed to do so, was fined \$100 for contempt. Mrs. Dale also failed to put in her appearance and was fined a similar amount.

Reorganization of Florida State Fair Association

TAMPA, Aug. 28.—There was a reorganization of the Florida State Mid-winter Fair Association Thursday, when the stockholders selected as directors Messrs. James E. Crane, J. H. Drew, F. X. Hackman, J. U. Strode, B. S. Catlett, Judge Charles Godshaw, W. H. Fizer and D. B. McKay.

The board of directors held a meeting immediately after the stockholders' meeting and elected the following officers: James E. Crane, president; John H. Drew, vice-president; F. X. Hackman, secretary; W. H. Fizer, treasurer and racing secretary, and J. U. Strode, general manager.

The gentlemen who are interested in the association are energetically preparing for a hundred-day race meeting, in which it is said nearly a

thousand horses will participate. Many of the same horses which have run at Sheepshead Bay and Saratoga will appear at the Tampa track. Applications are already coming in for stable room and the first shipment of fast flyers will arrive here about the middle of November.

It is said that Messrs. Strode and Fizer have horses booked for the meeting which will give Tampa racing events the coming winter, comprising as interesting a series as ever occurred on a Southern course.

A large force of men are about to prepare the large tract of ground recently secured near West Tampa for the association, for its race track and other amusement features, and it is proposed to have them in readiness for the meeting to begin early in 1910.

Morse Starts Battle to Rehabilitate His Fortune

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—That Charles W. Morse, the financier who recently was released from the Tombs prison under \$150,000 bail, has begun his efforts to rehabilitate his fallen fortunes, was indicated yesterday by the announcement that he has purchased a majority of the claims outstanding against the Metropolitan Steamship Company, and will attend a sale of the property of that company which takes place in about a month.

It is proposed to reorganize the Met-

ropolitan line by the formation of a new company with a capital of \$6,000,000, consisting of equal portions of stock and bonds, and in addition an issue of \$500,000 of notes.

The Metropolitan line is one of the six steamship companies included in the Morse \$120,000,000 steamship consolidation, which was broken up into its constituent companies in 1907. It operates the turbine passenger steamers Yale and Harvard and freight steamers between New York and Boston.